

York County Historical Committee

Yorktown, Virginia 23690



5 February 1993

Mrs Robert De Luca
Villages of Kiln Creek
900 Brick Kiln Boulevard
Newport News, Virginia 23602

Dear Mrs De Luca,

On behalf of the York County Historical Committee may I again thank you for your most generous contribution to our Museum efforts. Your donation gives us a basis for hope that others will also recognize the need for a facility to recognize and celebrate the long history of York County.

I have also received the copy of the letter from William F. Brown which you so kindly forwarded to me. I appreciate the information and am looking forward to further correspondence.

Sincerely,

Marge Funk

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Compiling and celebrating the history of York County

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December 21, 1992

FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. William F. Brown, Vice President
BUSCHE CORPORATE CENTERS
1105 Schrock Road, Suite 200
Columbus, Ohio 43229

Re: Water Country USA
York County, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for taking the time last week to discuss with me the possibility of a contribution of a portion of the subject land to the York County Historical Committee for its use in the development of a York County museum. Although there are presently three (3) museums in Yorktown, each is limited in presentation. The National Park Service maintains a museum which depicts the Battle of Yorktown; the Commonwealth of Virginia maintains the Yorktown Victory Center, which addresses the early history of the area as well as the Battle of Yorktown; and the locally operated Waterman's Museum which traces the history of the working watermen from their earliest days to the present.

It is the intent of the York County Historical Committee to establish a museum that would depict the over 350 year history of Yorktown and York County in total.

Although you are personally aware of the historical values of this County, I have enclosed for your use in presenting our proposal, a packet of fact sheets and other related information with respect to the history of York County.

I appreciate your willingness to present a request for the contribution of land (5 to 7 acres) within the property recently acquired by Busche Properties in York County, including and adjacent to Water Country USA. A museum operated and maintained by the York County Historical Committee within this property would be a tremendous asset to both the County and the extensive number of tourists visiting Busche Gardens and Water Country.

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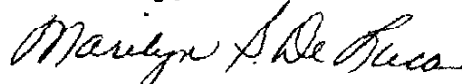
I also appreciate your remarks with respect to the standards and to the method of establishing this museum that would be imposed by Busche Properties should the corporation agree to contribute property. In this respect, we have elected to contribute Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to the York County Historical Committee for their use in developing a suitable plan of development. I have also sought the assistance of a local engineering firm who has agreed to contribute his time to assist the Historical Committee in this initial endeavor.

As I explained to you, the effort would be spearheaded by the York County Historical Committee. I have agreed that once plans for this development can be adequately presented I would assist in seeking a grant from the Virginia Department of Economic Development or one of the other departments under the Secretary of Economic Development which deals in state tourism to assist in the development and construction of a museum.

Before any solicitation for funding can be pursued it is imperative that we have the location and land acquisition finalized. I am confident that the Historical Committee would be most willing to accept a contribution of land from Busche Properties with specific development conditions attached. I am sure you will concur that York County has always maintained a high standard of development and municipal participation in all of its undertakings. Their standards will assure that this project will be no different.

Again, thank you for your time and interest in this endeavor. Should you have any questions, or should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me, or Mrs. Marge Funk with the Historical Committee at (804) 898-4910. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Marilyn S. DeLuca

cc: Mr. Myrl Hairfield
Mrs. Marge Funk

York County Farm

From "The Spirit of the Peninsula Series"
by Barclay Sheakes
presented by Atlantic Savings and Loan
Association, April 1973

Presented to the York County Historical
Museum by Mrs. Rodgers A. Smith. When
given to the County in 1973, there was no
room for it ^(to picture) and it has been kept in Mrs. Smith's
home.

Elizabeth P. Smith

Feb. 4, 2003